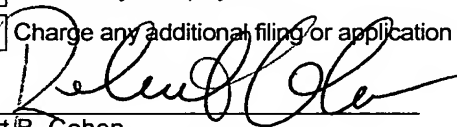
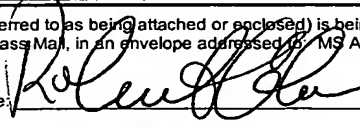




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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initiation of prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.